

**Amendments to the specification:**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A method of disassembling a washing machine is a disassembling method for a washing machine including a reduction-gear unit (66)-secured on the outside of a water tub (65)-and a dehydration tub (12)-disposed in the water tub-(65), and the method includes a release step of applying force, along the axial direction of a rotary shaft-(16), in the direction of separating the reduction-gear unit (66)-and the dehydration tub (12)-from each other to release connection between the reduction-gear unit (66)-and the dehydration tub-(12). This scheme can be employed to provide a method of disassembling a washing machine that can recover resin included in the washing machine at a high recovery ratio.